

# Legislative Reference Service

WEEK ENDING 4/5/02

NO. 4

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**H-7206 LEAD POISONING** (Almeida & Others) This act would provide for major revisions and additions to the state "Lead Poisoning Act". Finance

**H-7539 STATE BUILDING CODE** (Montanaro & Others) This act would provide funds in support of the programs of the State Building Code through the use of funds raised through state and local fees. Finance

**H-7671 BLANKET VARIANCES** (McCauley) This act would allow for the granting of blanket variances which will act as code changes until the next regulatory cycle. Labor

**H-7672 STATE FIRE SAFETY CODE** (McCauley) This act would clarify the rulemaking process of the Fire Safety Code Board of Appeals under the Administrative Procedures Act. It would also clarify the blanket variance procedure. Labor

**H-7775 ELECTRICAL WIRING AND FIXTURES** (Lanzi – By Request) This act would address the procedures that the Board of Fire Prevention would utilize to promulgate rules and regulations relative to electrical wiring. Also time frames for appeals to the Board of Electricians are listed. Labor

**H-7893 HOISTING ENGINEERS** (Faria) This act would prohibit hoisting engineers from installing electrical wiring or making service connection of any electrical wires or cables, but would allow for the excavation and installation of

underground conduits, and would provide for issuance of building permits for the installation. Labor

**S-2930 RECREATIONAL VEHICLES** (Walsh & Sosnowski) This act would change the definition of “accessory structure”. Environment & Energy

### **EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS**

**H-7155 EXTRAORDINARY SERVICES REIMBURSEMENT** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would provide for the reimbursement of extraordinary services to school districts. Finance

**H-7156 LOAN OF TEXTBOOKS** (Malik & Others) This act would expand the textbook loan program to include English and social studies textbooks. Finance

**H-7160 CHARTER PUBLIC SCHOOLS** (Gallison & Others) This act would require that funding for charter public schools be approved by the voters of each local district at either a regularly scheduled financial town meeting or budget meeting. Corporations

**H-7175 CHARTER SCHOOLS** (Gallison & Others) This act would provide for a 7 member committee to review charter applications and provide that the commissioner, with the approval of the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education, may approve amendments to the original charter application. H.E.W.

**H-7176 CHILDREN UNDER STATE CARE** (McNamara & Others) This act would add evidence of immunization to the Intra-state Education Identification card for each child. H.E.W.

**H-7177 KOREAN WAR VETERANS** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would allow the Board of Regents to grant diplomas to those individuals who left school to fight in the Korean War. H.E.W.

**H-7179 CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER** (McNamara) This act would require that elementary and secondary schools with an enrollment in excess of 700 students employ a nurse-teacher’s assistant. H.E.W.

**H-7203 STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT** (Crowley & Others) This act would require the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education to establish additional standards in order to promote student achievement. This act would also amend the graduated licensing program for persons under the age of 18. Finance

**H-7217 ENDURING PATRIOTISM ACT** (Cerra & Others) This act would require instruction in certain history courses in the grades K-12, accentuating the areas of patriotism and citizenship. H.E.W.

**H-7218 METAL DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS** (Lima) This act would require the installation and use of metal detectors at all private elementary and secondary schools (grades K-12). H.E.W.

**H-7220 ELIGIBILITY FOR CASH ASSISTANCE** (Lima) This act would require students 16 years or older who are receiving cash assistance to have no more than 10 unexcused absences from school per quarter to maintain eligibility. H.E.W.

**H-7222 EXCUSES FOR NONATTENDANCE** (S. Brien & Others) This act would require children between 16 and 18 years of age to obtain permission from a custodial parent or guardian in order to be exempt from mandatory school attendance. H.E.W.

**H-7244 ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL INVESTMENT FUND** (Smith & Others) This act would provide funds for alternative schools for public school students chronically subject to suspension. Finance

**H-7263 PSYCHOTROPIC DRUGS** (Abdullah-Odiase & Henseler) This act would prohibit teachers from suggesting or recommending psychotropic drugs, and would not make a parent's refusal to give such drugs to their children grounds for removal from their house. H.E.W.

**H-7292 TRUANCY OUTREACH** (Smith) This act would authorize the Department of Human Services, the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, and local school districts to establish an information-sharing methodology for verifying the residency of families with children who are beneficiaries of the family independence programs administered by the Department of Human Services. H.E.W.

**H-7295      RIGHT TO A SAFE SCHOOL** (Smith) This act would allow school committees to assess a student's off school property conduct in determining if a student is disruptive. H.E.W.

**H-7297      AIR POLLUTION** (Costantino & Others) This act would require the DEM to notify every school district on days when air quality levels reach an unhealthy level. The school districts would then be required to disseminate this information to every school in the respective school district. H.E.W.

**H-7300      ALTERNATIVE SCHOOL PILOT PROGRAM** (Smith & Others) This act would establish an Alternative School Pilot Program to be adopted by the Board of Regents of Elementary and Secondary Education and the local school committees for the purpose of educating children who have been expelled from school or have otherwise been determined to be unsuitable for attendance at a regular school. H.E.W.

**H-7301      TRUANCY OUTREACH** (Smith) This act would require the Department of Human Services to adopt an outreach system, in cooperation with school departments, for families with children who are truant. H.E.W.

**H-7342      KINDERGARTEN** (Lally & Shanley) This act would amend the date of a child attending kindergarten at the age of 5 years by changing the eligibility date from December 31 to July 1 of any school year. H.E.W.

**H-7344      METAL DETECTORS IN SCHOOLS** (Lima) This act would require the installation and use of metal detectors at all public elementary and secondary schools (grades K-12). H.E.W.

**H-7347      ELIGIBILITY FOR CASH ASSISTANCE** (Reilly) This act would require students 16 years old or older who are receiving cash assistance to have no more than 10 unexcused absences from school per quarter to maintain eligibility. H.E.W.

**H-7348      EXCUSES FOR NONATTENDANCE** (Reilly) This act would raise from 16 to 18 the compulsory age for attendance by children at school. H.E.W.

**H-7353      TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Crowley) This act would amend the provisions of the general laws pertaining to standardized testing and issuance of certification to teachers. H.E.W.

**H-7354 TEACHER CERTIFICATION** (Crowley) This act would repeal the section of law which allows for the issuance of a teaching certificate without a satisfactory score on the standardized teacher's exam. H.E.W.

**H-7355 EXCUSES FOR NONATTENDANCE** (Pires) This act would raise from 16 to 17 the compulsory age for attendance by children at school. H.E.W.

**H-7356 PROFICIENCY REQUIRED** (Crowley & Others) This act would require fourth (4<sup>th</sup>) grade students to demonstrate certain proficiencies in their state assessments prior to being advanced to the fifth (5<sup>th</sup>) grade. H.E.W.

**H-7372 NEIGHBORHOOD SCHOOL PLANS** (Tejada & Others) This act would allow all city/town councils to pass an ordinance that would require school districts to develop and implement a neighborhood school plan. Corporations

**H-7377 SCHOOL BUDGETS** (Crowley) This act would provide the right to arbitration to school committees in the event of a negative vote by the appropriating authority. H.E.W.

**H-7379 CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW** (Williams & Others) This act would make the employer rather than the job applicant pay for the cost of the required criminal background check. H.E.W.

**H-7501 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS** (S. Anderson) This act would provide for an annual salary supplement for any licensed speech language pathologist who has acquired a certificate of clinical competence from the American Speech Language-Hearing Association. Finance

**H-7520 EDUCATION TRUST FUND** (O'Reilly) This act would create an education trust fund to be funded by lottery and/or gambling revenues to be distributed on a per student basis. Finance

**H-7528 COZ FAMILY CENTER FUND** (Moran & Others) This act would establish a Child Opportunity Zone (COZ) Family Center Fund and appropriate \$1,000,000 for development of existing or new COZ family centers. Finance

**H-7532 SPEECH LANGUAGE PATHOLOGISTS** (Smith) This act would require that each speech pathologist provide services to not more than 40 students. Finance

**H-7534 FULL-DAY KINDERGARTEN** (Montanaro & Others) This act would establish a full-day kindergarten investment fund to offer a full-day of education to kindergarten students. Finance

**H-7549 REGIONAL VOCATIONAL SCHOOLS** (Crowley) This act would provide that the Board of Regents for Elementary and Secondary Education establish a comprehensive system of state-certified regional career and technical education centers, to be fully funded by the state. Finance

**H-7621 PLAYGROUND SAFETY** (Mumford & Others) This act would provide grants to cities and towns for projects undertaken specifically to comply with the Department of Education's and Department of Health's joint school health and environment recreational facility safety regulations, and/or to provide access for people with disabilities. Finance

**H-7702 DRIVER EDUCATION** (Tejada & Others) This act would provide a school or intern attendance requirement to be eligible to take a driver education class. H.E.W.

**H-7755 PENALTIES FOR DRUG, ALCOHOL OR WEAPONS OFFENSES** (Hetherington & Others) This act would provide that public schools would impose penalties on students for possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons, pursuant to rules and regulations promulgated by the applicable school committee. H.E.W.

**H-7802 TRANSPORTATION OF PUPILS** (Menard & Others) This act would require all public school districts to transport school children to or from child care facilities located within that school district's boundaries. Corporations

**H-7942 SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING ASSOCIATION** (Costantino & Sherlock) This act would provide that a certificate of clinical competence issued by the American Speech-Language-Hearing Association would be considered equivalent to a certificate issued by the National Board for Professional Teachers' Standards. Finance

**H-7962 SUBSTITUTE TEACHING AFTER RETIREMENT** (Kilmartin) This act would allow retired administrators to work 120 days a year without effecting their retirement. Finance

**H-7964 SCHOOL TRANSPORTATION** (Lima & Others) This act would provide additional state educational aid to school districts that do not privatize their transportation services. Finance

**H-7965 BOOK – SALES TAX** (Amaral & Others) This act would exempt from sales taxes any books purchased by or for students in grades kindergarten through 12 if purchased at that student's school. Finance

**H-7968 CERTIFIED NURSE-TEACHER** (Lowe & Reilly) This act would exempt registered and licensed practical nurses, employed solely and exclusively by school systems to provide health care services, from the certification required for nurses who also teach in the school system. H.E.W.

**H-7999 STUDENT BUS PASSES** (Slater & Others) This act would mandate that the Public Transit Authority issue free bus passes to all public high school students. Finance

### **ELECTIONS**

**H-7385 VOTING DISTRICTS AND OFFICIALS** (Giannini & Others) This act would adopt a number of changes in election law recommended by the Board of Elections. Special Legislation

**H-7386 CHANGE OF DESIGNATION** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would change the period of time necessary for a party disaffiliation for a voter to take effect from 90 days to 29 days. Special Legislation

**H-7388 VOTING TECHNOLOGY** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would provide that the Secretary of State shall develop state-of-the-art voting technology using potentially available federal election reform funds. Special Legislation

**H-7389 POLLING PLACES** (Reilly) This act would increase from 1,600 to 1,800 the maximum number of voters served by the same polling place. Special Legislation

**H-7773 CENTRAL VOTER REGISTER** (Schadone & Others) This act would provide that the Secretary of State would procure a statewide central voter register and provide all the necessary equipment and training to the local boards of canvassers in the operation of the register. Finance

**H-7778 VOTER REGISTRATION** (Schadone & Others) This act would amend the close of voter registration from 30 days to 14 days before an election, and would amend the canvass and correction of voting lists dates from not later than 20 days before a primary or election to not later than 7 days. Special Legislation

### **ENVIRONMENT**

**H-7212 TICK ABATEMENT ACT** (Lewiss & Others) This act would establish a tick abatement council and program in Rhode Island similar to the mosquito abatement council. Environment & Energy

**H-7257 COASTAL AND ESTUARY HABITAT RESTORATION** (Ginaitt & Others) This act would establish an interagency coastal and estuarine habitat restoration program and would establish a trust fund that will receive a percentage of the oil spill prevention fees and other grants, gifts or donations. Finance

**H-7321 PAWTUXET RIVER WATERSHED COUNCIL** (Naughton & Others) This act would change the name of the Pawtuxet River Authority to the Pawtuxet River Watershed Council. The make-up of the board would be changed to reflect the towns and cities that make up the watershed council. Corporations

**H-7327 STORMWATER MANAGEMENT DISTRICTS** (Malik & Others) This act would enable cities and towns to create Stormwater Management Districts and would give the towns powers to manage them. Corporations

**H-7477 PUBLIC DRINKING WATER** (Reilly) This act would make the water quality protection charge assessed on supplies of water non-taxable. Finance

**H-7496 COASTAL AND ESTUARY HABITAT RESTORATION** (Levesque & Others) This act would establish an interagency coastal and estuarine habitat restoration program, and establishes a trust fund that will receive a percentage of the oil spill prevention fees and other grants, gifts or donations. Finance

**H-7592 HAZARDOUS SUBSTANCES** (Reilly) This act would make the failure of a landowner to remove hazardous waste from the landowner's property, after notice from a state or municipal agency to do so, a prohibited act. Judiciary



**H-7691 WATER SUPPLY FACILITIES** (S. Anderson) This act would broaden the purposes for which the Water Resources Board could loan monies to publicly owned water supply agencies to include all types of water supply facilities. Water Resources

**H-7949 ECO-DEPOT** (Ginaitt) This act would expand the Eco-Depot Program through Rhode Island Resource Recovery Corporation to include revolving, bi-yearly household hazardous waste collection sites in each of the 5 Rhode Island counties. This act would provide funding for this program through the Environmental Response Fund. Environment & Energy

### **FINANCE AND TAXATION**

**H-7180 HOTEL TAX** (T. Brien & Others) This act would give 21% of the hotel tax to the Rhode Island Division of Tourism for use exclusively to provide statewide tourism. Finance

**H-7233 HOTEL TAX** (Callahan & Others) This act would allow a city/town to impose a 1% hotel tax in the event the hotel tax currently enacted is reduced from 6% to 5%. Corporations

**H-7240 EXEMPTION OF PERSONS SIXTY-FIVE YEARS AND OVER** (Trillo & Others) This act would allow cities or towns to freeze valuation of real property of single or married persons 65 years or older who have taxable income of 350% of the poverty level or less. Corporations

**H-7254 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Pisaturo & Others) This act would increase the percentage of aid given to municipalities under the PILOT Program over a 3-year period. Finance

**H-7276 COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATIONS** (Moura & Others) This act would allow the reduction of the property taxes owed by a cooperative housing corporation by utilizing all personal exemptions. Corporations

**H-7364 MUNICIPAL ACCOUNTING SYSTEMS** (Pires) This act would impose more strict requirements on the municipal audit reporting system. Corporations

**H-7394 BACK TAXES ON REAL ESTATE** (Williams & Others) This act would provide for the assessment of back taxes on real estate in cases where the tax has been erroneously assessed due to an error or mistake. Corporations

**H-7395 UNFUNDED PENSION LIABILITY** (Lima) This act would require every city and town to set aside 2% of its operating budget to help offset its unfunded pension liability. Corporations

**H-7405 LOW INCOME HOUSING** (Reilly) This act would reduce the taxation applicable to qualifying low income housing, and make such taxation applicable to residential properties issued occupancy permits, as defined by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development. Corporations

**H-7409 SCHOOL DISTRICT FUNDING** (Kennedy & Garvey) This act would require approval of the governing body of each city/town participating in a regional school district of a contribution to the school district budget which would cause the tax levy of that city/town to exceed the tax levy 5.5% cap. Corporations

**H-7411 REAL ESTATE TIME - SHARE ACT** (Crowley & Shavers) This act would amend the Real Estate Time-Share Act to assess real estate taxes based upon time-share periods rather than on whole development. Corporations

**H-7414 MUNICIPAL EMPLOYEES IN MILITARY SERVICE** (M. Anderson & Others) This act would require cities and towns to continue to pay employees who enter military service and continue to provide medical benefits. An offset would be allowed the city/town for military service pay received by the employee. Corporations

**H-7504 HOUSING AND CONSERVATION TRUST FUND** (Almeida & Others) This act would establish an additional tax to be imposed on the sale of homes above the median sales price whereby the tax would partially subsidize the Rhode Island Housing and Conservation Fund. Finance

**H-7505 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS** (Almeida & Levesque) This act would establish that 6% of the video lottery terminal income be allocated to the Neighborhood Community Trust Fund. Finance

**H-7517 HOTEL TAX** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would amend the distribution of the hotel tax by increasing the amount given to cities and towns

to 35% and by reducing the amount given to the Greater Providence-Warwick Convention and Visitors' Bureau to 11%. Finance

**H-7521 SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Reilly) This act would increase the amount of the state's reimbursement to public school districts for school housing aid by 10%. Finance

**H-7523 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Smith & Others) The act would include any state-owned convention center or municipally-owned civic center in the section providing for general assembly appropriations in lieu of property tax. Finance

**H-7542 URBAN INVESTMENT TAX CREDIT** (Moura & Tejada) This act would create the "Urban Investment Tax Credit Act of 2002". Finance

**H-7554 VETERANS** (Reilly) This act would extend veterans' benefits to all veterans with an honorable discharge. Finance

**H-7602 STATE AID FOR SPECIAL EDUCATION** (Reilly & Corvese) This act would require the state to assume the costs to the cities and towns for special education, starting with 10% of those costs the first year and 100% after 10 years. Finance

**H-7603 TAX YEAR 2002 MOTOR VEHICLE PROPERTY TAXES** (Reilly) This act would require the state to reimburse taxpayers for tangible personal property tax levies paid on motor vehicles for the year 2002. Finance

**H-7613 SCHOOL HOUSING AID** (Pires) This act would increase the amount of the state's reimbursement to public school districts for school housing aid by 10%. Finance

**H-7617 PAYMENT IN LIEU** (Slater & Others) This act would gradually increase the percent of the state appropriations in lieu of taxes, starting with 35% on July 1, 2002, and finally reaching 50% as of July 1, 2005. Finance

**H-7797 COOPERATIVE HOUSING CORPORATION** (Cicilline & Fox) This act would reduce real estate property tax for a cooperative housing corporation by applying certain personal exemptions. Finance

**H-7837 TAX SALES** (SanBento & Corvese) This act would change the proper address where tax sale notices will be sent to delinquent taxpayers, so as to facilitate the sending and receipt of notice. Finance

**H-7838 TAX SALES** (SanBento & Corvese) This act would require that a tax collector at a tax sale would sell for the amount of taxes the smallest undivided part of land which will bring the amount, which land would be not less than 1%. Finance

**H-7878 TAX SALES** (SanBento & Others) This act would further specify the notice requirements necessary for a tax sale and for the foreclosure of the right of redemption. Corporations

**H-7891 SCHOOL AID** (Reilly & Others) This act would mandate a yearly increase of at least 5% in state education funding to each municipality. Finance

**H-7940 MUNICIPAL PENSION OBLIGATION BONDS** (Fleury & Others) This act would regulate the process of issuing pension fund refunding bonds. Finance

### **LABOR RELATIONS**

**H-7228 ARBITRATION OF LABOR CONTROVERSIES** (Lanzi & Others) This act would mandate that past practice in arbitration hearings be recognized in any collective bargaining relationship unless both parties agree to exclude the application of past practice. Labor

**H-7651 LABOR DISPUTES** (Lally & Shanley) This act would require parties meet and negotiate as a condition for the issuance of a temporary or permanent injunction in any public sector labor dispute. Labor

**H-7945 CERTIFIED SCHOOL TEACHERS' ARBITRATION** (Fleury & Others – By Request) This act would require that a chief executive officer or, if no chief executive officer, a member of a city/town council shall participate in a collective bargaining process involving school teachers and be entitled to vote on any contract. Labor

**S-2894 HEALTH CARE COVERAGE** (Tassoni & Others) This act would require that employers provide at least 60 days written notice to employees before termination of employee health care coverage. Labor

### **LIQUOR CONTROL AND LICENSES**

**H-7169 CLASS A LICENSES** (Corvese) This act would provide that a holder of a Class A retail liquor license shall be permitted to conduct, without charge, on the premises of the licensee sample wine tastings for prospective customers, of wines available at the licensee's outlet. Corporations

**H-7383 CLASS N NIGHTCLUB LICENSES** (Moura & Others) This act would provide for the creation of a Class N nightclub license to be held by certain retail sellers of alcoholic beverages. Special Legislation

**H-7384 CLASS D LICENSE** (Crowley) This act would provide grandfather entitlement to a Class D liquor license to corporations organized prior to 1900 for purposes similar to those in the Non-profit Corporations Act, which have possessed such licenses for 10 consecutive years prior to July 1, 1993. Special Legislation

**H-7771 CLASS A LICENSE** (Kilmartin) This act would allow the holders of Class A license to sell salty snacks. Judiciary

**H-7781 CLASS A LICENSE** (Flaherty & Others) This act would permit the sale, by holders of Class A retail alcoholic beverage licenses, of food products and paper or plastic plates, cups and utensils. Corporations

**H-7876 RETAIL LIQUOR LICENSES** (Garvey & Kennedy) This act would amend the provision of the Rhode Island General Laws pertaining to objections by adjoining property owners to the location of retailers' Class B, C and I licenses. Special Legislation

**H-7886 WEAPONS** (Cicilline & Others) This act would allow the Department of Business Regulation to grant licenses permitting the licensee to sell pistols and revolvers at retail. Judiciary

**H-7974 CLASS DP LICENSE** (Sullivan & Others) This act would create a new retail license category which would allow the sale of alcohol at locations approved by the city/town council in conjunction with food. Special Legislation

## **PLANNING AND ZONING**

**H-7334 ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque & Others) This act would include persons with a disability or who are over 65 years of age under the

definition of zoning for an accessory family dwelling unit, and gives the local zoning board the authority to adopt rules and regulations governing the issuance and renewal of zoning certificates issued for that purpose. Corporations

**H-7335 ZONING ORDINANCES** (Hogan & Others) This act would permit municipalities to enact zoning ordinances restricting and regulating certain adult industries, including, but not limited to, adult motion picture theaters, adult paraphernalia stores, adult video stores and establishments which display live nudity. Corporations

**H-7371 ZONING ORDINANCES** (Levesque & Maher) This act would provide that zoning ordinances may permit an accessory family unit for a person under a disability or collecting social security. Corporations

**H-7503 COMPREHENSIVE PLANS** (Almeida & Levesque) This act would define the term “state agency” within the definition section of the Rhode Island Comprehensive Planning and Land Use Act. Finance

**H-7690 LOW AND MODERATE INCOME HOUSING** (SanBento) This act would provide that a private developer be allowed to submit to a zoning board a single application for a special exception only for low and moderate income housing proposals and not rental proposals. Finance

**H-7724 EARTH REMOVAL** (Barr) This act would allow earth removal and extractive industries to operate in all zoning districts by special-use permit. Corporations

**H-7950 CLUSTER DEVELOPMENTS** (Lewiss & Ginaitt) This act would amend the Rhode Island Zoning Enabling Act relative to cluster developments. Environment & Energy

**S-2870 ENERGY FACILITY SITING** (Fogarty & Others) This act would require the siting board to adhere to findings by local authorities regarding land use and zoning unless there exists a contrary compelling state interest. Corporations

#### **PUBLIC SAFETY – POLICE AND FIRE**

**H-7293      EMERGENCY MEDICAL DISPATCH** (Ginaitt)    This act would establish the “Rhode Island Emergency Medical Dispatch Act”. H.E.W.

**H-7310      CRIMINAL RECORDS REVIEW** (McNamara & T. Brien)    This act would require any person seeking employment in a public or private school to apply to the state or local police department for a criminal background check. H.E.W.

**H-7400      MOTOR VEHICLE REPARATIONS** (Reilly – By Request)    This act would permit all purchasers of Rhode Island mandatory vehicle insurance to waive uninsured motorist coverage, and would also require insurance companies to give notice to the registrar of the names of those whose policies are no longer in effect. This act would further require notice by the registrar to local police authorities, if the registration plates are not returned to the registrar, to remove and return the plates. Corporations

**H-7403      RESCUE SERVICES** (Reilly)    This act would provide insurance coverage for the cost of rescue services provided by municipalities. Corporations

**H-7406      BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS** (Reilly)    This act would establish a pulmonary and coronary disease disability for firefighters who, because of pulmonary or coronary disease, are unable to perform their duties. Corporations

**H-7427      SEAT BELTS** (Ginaitt & Others)    This act would prohibit police officers from searching drivers, passengers or the motor vehicle of those stopped for seat belt violations. Judiciary

**H-7429      STRIP-SEARCHES OF DETAINEES** (Kennedy & Coderre)    This act would codify the standards necessary to conduct strip searches and body cavity searches. Judiciary

**H-7431      FIREARMS** (Ajello & Others)    This act would create an exemption for antique collectors and would provide a definition for antique firearms. Judiciary

**H-7436      RIOTOUS ASSEMBLY** (Watson – By Request)    This act would allow only peace officers to disperse a riot, would eliminate the penalties for failing to assist in the dispersal of a riot, and would increase the fines and penalties for violation of this chapter. Judiciary

**H-7437 PRISONER RELEASE AND PAROLE NOTIFICATION** (W.H. Murphy & Trillo) This act would transfer the duty to provide notification of parole releases from the state police to the parole board. Judiciary

**H-7451 GENERAL ASSEMBLY PLATES** (Bierman) This act would allow legislators to drive during states of emergency, if caused by inclement weather, provided they are driving with their legislative plates. Judiciary

**H-7455 LAS VEGAS NIGHTS** (Lima) This act would permit charitable organizations to hold "Las Vegas Nights" for 7 days per year. Judiciary

**H-7461 ARRESTS** (Lima) This act would prohibit a peace officer from searching or arresting a person without a warrant for a violation punishable only by a fine. Judiciary

**H-7466 FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' DEATH BENEFIT** (Menard & Others) This act would provide for a payment of a one-time \$100,000 benefit to the family of a firefighter, police officer, correctional officer and certain other persons who are killed or die from injuries sustained in the line of duty. Finance

**H-7502 THERMAL IMAGING DEVICES** (Montanaro & Others) This act would require the state to provide handheld thermal imaging devices to municipal fire departments and districts on a per capita basis. Finance

**H-7512 FIREFIGHTERS' AND POLICE OFFICERS' DEATH BENEFIT** (Corvese & Others) This act would provide eligible law enforcement officers and firefighters who are killed in the line of duty a sum of 40% of the federal death benefits. Finance

**H-7570 ADMINISTRATION OF CHEMICAL TEST** (McNamara & T. Brien) This act would allow a peace officer to request a search warrant which would allow the taking of blood, breath or urine, or perform a chemical test if probable cause exists to believe that an individual has been driving under the influence of intoxicating liquor or narcotics. Judiciary

**H-7591 SURVEILLANCE CAMERAS** (Levesque & Others) This act would require law enforcement agencies using mounted video/audio surveillance cameras in their vehicles to adopt written policies and procedures governing utilization of the cameras and access to tapes. Judiciary



**H-7605 SECURITY PREPAREDNESS ACT** (Henseler & Others) This act would create the Rhode Island Domestic Security Preparedness Act of 2002. Finance

**H-7679 INSPECTION OF FIRE APPARATUS** (Menard & Others) This act would require an annual inspection of fire apparatus in each city, town and fire district and fire company by the Division of Motor Vehicles. Labor

**H-7681 SUBCONTRACTING OF FIRE, POLICE AND RESCUE SERVICES** (Henseler & Others) This act would establish regulations relative to the wages paid to private employees working as subcontractors for any municipality. Labor

**H-7704 NON-EMERGENCY POLICE POWER** (Kilmartin) This act would allow adjacent cities and towns to enter into agreements to provide assistance in non-emergency situations by police departments. Corporations

**H-7713 BENEFITS FOR FIRE FIGHTERS** (Palangio & Reilly) This act would provide benefits to firefighters for various forms of cancer and respiratory diseases. Finance

**H-7714 BENEFITS FOR FIREFIGHTERS** (Palangio & Reilly) This act would establish a pulmonary and coronary disease disability for firefighters who, because of pulmonary or coronary disease, are unable to perform their duties. Finance

**H-7715 PRESUMPTION OF DISABILITY** (Palangio & Reilly) This act would add coronary or pulmonary illnesses to the list of illnesses presumed to be disabling to firefighters. Finance

**H-7716 LAW ENFORCEMENT ACCREDITATION** (Iwuc – By Request) This act would create a commission within the executive department to act as the accreditation authority for Rhode Island law enforcement agencies. Judiciary

**H-7717 LAW ENFORCEMENT STANDARDS AND TRAINING** (Iwuc – By Request) This act would enact a comprehensive revision of law enforcement standards and training to promote and foster professionalism. Judiciary

**H-7723 TRAFFIC CALMING DEVICES** (Iwuc & Others) This act would provide that any person who violates a local ordinance pertaining to a traffic calming zone shall pay twice the monetary penalty imposed pursuant to applicable law. Corporations

**H-7736 DISPOSITION OF JUVENILE RECORDS** (Carter) This act would allow disclosure of a juvenile criminal record by the Attorney General's office to school departments, probation departments, state and local police departments, D.C.Y.F., Department of M.H.R.H. and other social service providers. Judiciary

**H-7769 EARPHONES AND HEADSETS** (Guthrie & Others) This act would exempt emergency vehicle operators from having to comply with this section, thereby allowing them to wear an earphone or headset as long as they are using an integrated intercom system. Corporations

**H-7817 STOPPING FOR SCHOOL BUS** (T. Brien & Others) This act would require that when a violation is issued whereby a vehicle meets or overtakes a bus marked "school bus" and the red lights are flashing, or whereby a vehicle is behind a school bus at a distance of less than 50 feet, the issuance of the violation shall be to the registered owner of the vehicle. Judiciary

**H-7821 FIRE ACADEMY** (Lowe & Others) This act would create and establish a state fire academy for the voluntary use of all municipal fire departments. Finance

**H-7827 FIREFIGHTER PLATES** (Carroll & Others) This act would create firefighter license plates. Special Legislation

**H-7828 TRAFFIC OFFENSES** (Flaherty & Fox) This act would authorize the issuance of civil body attachments for those who fail to appear for a traffic offense. Judiciary

**H-7881 WEAPONS** (Cicilline) This act would prohibit any person from selling, offering for sale, transferring or possessing an assault weapon. Judiciary

**H-7887 FIREARM SURRENDER PROGRAM** (Cicilline & Others) This act would provide for a firearm surrender program. Judiciary

**H-7924 SEXUAL OFFENDER** (Kilmartin) This act would require the registration of convicted sex offenders who are enrolled at or employed by any institution of higher education. Finance

**H-7972 ABUSED AND NEGLECTED CHILDREN** (Savage & Others) This act would establish a duty to report certain forms of sexual abuse of a child to the police. Judiciary

**S-2861 TRAFFIC OFFENSES** (McCaffrey) This act would adopt a means for the civil arrest of those motorists who fail to pay a traffic summons and fail to appear in court. Judiciary

### **RETIREMENT**

**H-7247 TEACHERS' RETIREMENT** (Kilmartin) This act would allow teachers to purchase an additional 5 years of service. Finance

**H-7369 OPTIONAL RETIREMENT FOR POLICE AND FIREFIGHTERS** (Barr) This act would amend the provisions for determination by a city/town of a police officer's or firefighter's disability for purposes of retirement. Corporations

**H-7486 CREDIT FOR SERVICE OUTSIDE STATE** (Moura) This act would provide credit for service outside the state for social workers. Finance

**H-7608 MILITARY PENSIONS** (Fox) This act would allow service credits from a military retirement system to count as credit in the state system. Finance

**H-7609 ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES** (Fox) This act would remove the exemption of the Employees Retirement Systems of Rhode Island from the Administrative Procedures Act. Finance

**H-7740 COMPOSITION OF RETIREMENT BOARD** (Faria) This act would allow one (1) retired teacher to be elected by retired teachers in the system; one (1) retired state employee to be elected by retired state employees in the system; one (1) retired municipal employee to be elected by the retired municipal employees in the system. Labor

### **TOWN AND CITY CLERKS**

**H-7172 HOMESTEAD ESTATE EXEMPTION** (Lally) This act would provide for the designation of homestead estates in writing within a deed conveying real property. This act would also require a written, recorded declaration be filed with the appropriate city/town clerk's office in order to declare a homestead in a mobile and manufactured home. Judiciary

**H-7236      RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would provide that an effective and properly recorded conveyance will not be deemed invalid or unenforceable because the original documentation is converted into digital or electronic form. Corporations

**H-7412      RECORDING OF INSTRUMENTS** (M. Anderson & Others) This act would require the town clerk or recorder of deeds to notify property owners, by certified mail, that a lien has been placed on their property. Corporations

**H-7417      RECORDING FEES** (Slater) This act would increase the fees for recording land evidence records. Corporations

**H-7433      ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Ginaitt & Others) This act would amend the definition of a public record and would require a balancing test when publication of a record is contemplated. Judiciary

**H-7443      GUARDIANSHIPS** (Lewiss & Others) This act would exempt using the decision-making assessment tool only with court approval and upon extraordinary or emergency circumstances, and the decision-making assessment must be completed by a physician who has treated or examined the individual. Judiciary

**H-7445      VALIDATING CONVEYANCES** (Lewiss & Others) This act would validate conveyances which contain certain defects or omissions. Judiciary

**H-7446      PROBATE NOTICE** (Lewiss & Others) This act would amend the provisions for the giving of notice of probate court hearings by advertisement in certain probate matters. Judiciary

**H-7571      MARRIAGE CEREMONIES** (Simonian & Kilmartin) This act would allow Justices of the Peace to perform marriage ceremonies. Judiciary

**H-7574      PUBLIC RECORDS** (Henseler & Others) This act would make social security numbers confidential for purpose of the Public Records Act. Judiciary

**H-7576      PUBLIC RECORDS – PARENTAL RIGHT TO KNOW** (Reilly & Corvese) This act would provide that any person or entity in possession of information, records or documents relating to a minor child shall provide access to the information, records or documents to the minor's parent or legal guardian. Judiciary

**H-7732 HUNTING AND FISHING LICENSES** (Watson & Quick) Article 35 of the Appropriations Act will raise hunting and fishing license fees. Finance

**H-7905 PIT BULLS** (W.H. Murphy & Others) This act would require the neutering or spaying of all pit bull-type dogs and would provide further regulations for owners of such dogs. Special Legislation

**H-7917 FISHING AND HUNTING LICENSES** (T. Brien) This act would increase the clerk's fee for the issuance of hunting and fishing licenses from fifty cents (\$.50) to one dollar (\$1.00). Finance

**H-7933 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Fleury & Others – By Request) This act would allow a reasonable charge be made for the search and retrieval of documents from a geographic information system which reflects the actual cost of gathering and maintaining the information of this system. Corporations

**S-2897 ANCIENT MORTGAGES** (Montalbano & Ruggerio) This act would amend the ancient mortgage statute by reducing the period wherein a power of sale in a mortgage could be exercised from 50 years to 40 years from the date of the recording of the mortgage, absent the filing of an extension and/or an acknowledgement that the mortgage is not satisfied. Judiciary

**S-2899 ACCESS TO PUBLIC RECORDS** (Alves) This act would allow a reasonable charge be made for the search and retrieval of documents from a geographic information system which reflects the actual cost of gathering and maintaining the information of this system. Judiciary

### **MISCELLANEOUS**

**H-7223 QUARANTINE OF VESSELS** (Aiken & Others) This act would repeal a section of the law that penalizes a commander of a vessel which comes into a port or harbor with a person sick with smallpox without first obtaining a license from a city/town council. H.E.W.

**H-7251 PUBLIC PROPERTY AND WORKS** (Levesque) This act would include certain projects for private use as “public works”. Finance

**H-7285 SOLICITATION BY CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS** (Anguilla & Others) This act would require persons soliciting for municipal and local

organizations to obtain written permission prior to solicitation. It would also require that the donor sign a written confirmation. Corporations

**H-7323 MILL BUILDING AND ECONOMIC REVITALIZATION (Rabideau)**

This act would allow that a portion or portions of certified buildings be designated as separate buildings, and would provide technical changes for regulatory and consistency purposes. Corporations

**H-7332 PARKING CASH-OUT PROGRAMS (Ajello & Others)**

This act would provide for employer-sponsored parking subsidy programs which give the employee the option of receiving subsidized parking or a monthly transit pass. This act would allow cities and towns to grant appropriate reductions in parking requirements, otherwise applicable to new and existing commercial developments that implement parking cash-out programs for those developments. Corporations

**H-7407 HEALTH INSURANCE (Reilly & Others)** This act would require employers to continue to provide health insurance coverage to employees who are activated into military service in certain instances. Corporations

**H-7440 CODE OF ETHICS (W.H. Murphy & Others)** This act would reduce the number of persons who are required to file financial statements with the Ethics Commission. Judiciary

**H-7468 PARKING CASH-OUT PROGRAM (Dennigan & Others)** This act would adopt a program whereby state agencies and private sector employers of large businesses would offer a cash incentive to those employees who utilize car pools and/or public transportation. In addition, this section would require the state properties committee to consider the feasibility of a “parking cash-out program”. Finance

**H-7471 VIDEO LOTTERY TERMINALS (Callahan)** This act would require approval from the General Assembly, the local city/town, and the voters of the state before an increase in the number of video lottery terminals at a licensed video lottery retailer is permitted. Finance

**H-7475 PAY EQUITY (Henseler & Others)** This act would establish the Rhode Island State Government Pay Equity Act, to establish equitable compensation relationships between males and females in state and local government. Finance

**H-7618      ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ZONES** (Williamson & W.J. Murphy)  
This act would establish exemption from or stabilization of sales and use taxes for municipal economic development zones, and would designate an area in the town of West Warwick as a development zone. Finance

**H-7682      AMUSEMENT RIDE SAFETY** (McCauley) This act would make various amendments to the Amusement Ride Safety Act. Labor

**H-7701      PUBLIC-PRIVATE REDEVELOPMENT INITIATIVE ACT** (W.J. Murphy & Others) This act would adopt the Public-Private Redevelopment Initiative Enabling Act to facilitate the development of state land made available as a result of Route 195 relocation project. Finance